

National Marine Fisheries Service

Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update NOVEMBER 28, 2000

The 2000 fishing year for North and South Atlantic swordfish began June 1, 2000, and ends May 31, 2001.

As of October 31, 2000, preliminary estimates of North Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2000, and ending May 31, 2001, indicate that:

- \$ 1,709,981 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 81% of the quota for the FIRST SEMIANNUAL period. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 405,333 lbs dw remains to be landed through November 30, 2000.
- \$ 11,208 lbs dw have been landed in the incidental category, or 2.0% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 650,172 lbs dw remains to be landed through May 31, 2001.

As of October 31, 2000, preliminary estimates of South Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2000, and ending May 31, 2001, indicate that:

S 0 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 0% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 637,129 lbs dw remain to be landed through May 31, 2001.